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TURKS IN PANIC AS FLEET SHELLS DARDANELLESGRAPPLES PROBLEM
OF SEATING THROUGH
AT SUNDAY MEETING

Committee Plans for Distribution of Tickets to All Religious Workers.

ONLY 800 TO BE RESERVED

Miss Wilson Will Be Asked to Serve on Committee to Receive Evangelist.

The executive committee for Billy Sunday's visit to Washington on January 18 began to wrestle with the problem of distributing seats for the occasion, at its first meeting this afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. building.

Only about 800 seats are to be reserved, but admission to all seats in Convention Hall will be by ticket, the first ticket holders arriving thereby obtaining the best seats. It was decided to throw the doors open at 4:15, only fifteen minutes before the baseball evangelist will step on to the platform.

Requests Exceed Capacity. More requests than there are seats in the great hall already have poured into the Sunday headquarters, and Chairman William Knowles Cooper, of the general committee, has provided a special stenographer to tabulate the requests.

So far as possible the executive committee hopes to obtain an equitable distribution of tickets among all denominations and to place tickets in the hands of all clergymen and lay religious workers of the city.

All requests for tickets, it was announced today, should be addressed to the "Billy Sunday Headquarters, Y. M. C. A. Building, 1000 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. E., Washington, D. C., or to Mr. Cooper or other association officials, as the executive committee will have the charge of the ticket distribution. Of this executive committee John C. Lettis is chairman.

Will Invite Miss Wilson. Miss Margaret Wilson and Mrs. William Jennings Bryan will be asked to serve on the entertainment committee for Billy Sunday's visit.

Those who already have accepted invitations to serve with Chairman Cooper are Congressman Nelson of Wisconsin and Mrs. Harriet Monroe, of the Gospel Mission.

The entertainment committee will go to Baltimore to meet the Sunday party, H. S. Omohundro, Edward Tarring, and John C. Lettis have been named as a committee on automobiles. They will provide cars to meet the Sunday party at Union Station and then will conduct the baseball evangelist and his associates on a short sight-seeing tour of the city.

In preparation for the meeting a song service of Billy Sunday's favorite songs will be held at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon. An effort will be made to have a large attendance.

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Kills Wife and Babe;
Cuts Own Throat

Teamster's Other Child Escapes
Insane Father With
Razor.

MUNCIE, Ind., Jan. 11.—Web Matthews, a teamster, today morning killed his wife and year-old babe, then cut his own throat. He will probably die.

Matthews arose about daylight, built a fire in the kitchen stove, then returned to the bed room and slashed his wife's throat and that of the infant.

A seven-year-old daughter awoke while Matthews was brandishing the razor and jumped on his back, clinging with her arms around his neck. She then got away by running.

House Favors Free
Water for "Fans"

Howard Bill Directs Parks and Theaters to Furnish Drink For Patrons.

The House today passed the Howard bill requiring baseball parks, theaters, and other amusement places to furnish free drinking water for their patrons. The bill was introduced by Congressman Howard of Georgia, following frequent visits to National Park, where he asserts he was unable to obtain drinking water and was forced to buy "pop" at 10 cents a bottle. The bill stipulates that hereafter:

"Each and every person, firm, or corporation, directly or indirectly, operating or conducting or participating in the operation, management, or control of any theater, picture show, ball park, or other place of amusement or entertainment in the District of Columbia to which place an admission fee is charged, shall furnish free of any charge whatsoever by placing within convenient and accessible reach an adequate supply of pure, cool drinking water, together with cups from which it may be drunk, to all persons who are patrons of such places."

The bill carries a penalty of \$25 to \$100 fine for each violation of the law.

JANE ADDAMS ASKS
LITERACY TEST VETO

Heads Social Service Workers in Plea to Wilson—Given Lengthy Hearing.

Speaking from experience when they have gained in social service work in Chicago, three women told President Wilson today that the immigration bill should be vetoed because of the literacy test which it contains. The women were Miss Jane Addams, of Hull House, Miss Mary E. McDowell, and Miss Lydia Schmidt, of the University of Chicago Settlement.

The President, who is himself opposed to the literacy test in the bill and has given every indication that he would veto the measure, accorded the women a lengthy hearing.

Wilson Points to Pledge. He declared after listening to them that one of his pre-election promises had placed him on record as being against the literacy test. Others in the delegation were Mrs. William D. Lloyd, Mrs. Bertram Sippy, Mrs. M. H. Wymouth, and Miss Florence Holbrook, all social service workers of Chicago.

Miss Addams told the President that she was opposed to the test because it would set up a barrier against the practice among foreign-born citizens of sending for their aged parents and establishing themselves in this country. While these old people could not, in many cases, read or write, she said, they were easily able to support themselves and prevent them from becoming public charges.

Quick to Learn. Miss McDowell and Miss Schmidt argued that even though many of the young immigrants were illiterate, their eagerness to become full citizens was a great asset to the country. She told the President that in the settlement of the University of Chicago they had found that the immigrants learning to read and write so that they might take out citizenship papers.

Favors Prohibiting
NCREASE IN RATES

Senator La Follette Want Another Investigation of Roads by Interstate Commission.

Declaring that the recent opinion of the Interstate Commerce Commission in granting increased freight rates to railroads in official classification territory is unlawful, Senator La Follette this afternoon introduced a Senate resolution to prohibit the railroads from collecting the new rates until the commission can make another investigation.

La Follette declared the commission reversed its ruling of July 29, 1914, in its decision in November without demanding that the railroads file new tariffs to prove that increased rates were reasonable.

The resolution declared the railroads should file schedules they believe to be just and that the commission should then hold a hearing before deciding the question.

Tumulty Makes Trip.

Joseph P. Tumulty, Secretary to the President, left Washington this morning for Trenton, N. J., and New York City, where he will be with Mr. Wilson. This afternoon he will be a guest at a meeting of the New Jersey Editors Association. He will return to Washington tomorrow.

WOMAN IS SOUGHT
IN MURDER CASE;
MRS. HUGHES WORSE

Missing Witness Friend of Woman Victim in Clark's Station Tragedy.

SAID TO HAVE LEFT TOWN

Police Think She May Know Something About Men Who Killed Two Saturday Night.

Search for a young woman, who, it is thought, will be able to throw light on the identity of the men who shot and killed Nicholas Coffins, a Greek, and Isaac Waldrop, seventy-two years old, and seriously wounded the latter's daughter, Mrs. Mattie A. Hughes, better known as "Frankie Harris," at the woman's home near Clark's Station early yesterday morning, was begun today by the Washington police and the Alexandria county authorities. Mrs. Hughes' condition today is grave.

The woman being sought is known to the police. She was formerly a companion of the Hughes woman, and visited her at the Virginia house several weeks ago. Since leaving the Hughes home the woman has not been heard from. "She was supposed to be living in this city, but information was obtained today to the effect that she left for New York some time Saturday or yesterday."

Robbery Not Motive.

On obtaining the information which the search for the former feminine companion of the Hughes woman, the police practically abandoned the theory that the motive for the crime was robbery.

Search of the house, however, corroborated in part Mrs. Hughes' story that one of the robbers took the diamond earrings from her ears after brutally beating her. It was thought at first that jewels had been kicked out in the scuffle, and would be found on the floor. This act on the part of the robbers was not otherwise revealed.

Second thought, and not the prime motive for the tragedy. Standing over the prostrate form of the Hughes woman, according to her story to the police, the robber who killed her, said: "Damn you, I'll kill you." Then, as if the glitter of the diamonds suddenly attracted his attention, he reached over and ruthlessly tore the jewels from her ears, badly mutilating the lobes in carrying out his examination of the house where the tragedy occurred shows that murderers paid no attention whatever to large quantities of valuable silver ware.

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DISCUSS NEED FOR
CITY LODGING HOUSE

Commissioners Discuss Project With Rev. Abram Simon, of Monday Evening Club.

Need of a new municipal lodging house was discussed today at a conference between the Commissioners and the Rev. Abram Simon, member of a committee of the Monday Evening Club appointed to assist in obtaining more adequate facilities than those offered by the present institution.

Dr. Simon was told by the Commissioners to submit to the board a concrete recommendation as to the kind of an institution desired here, the number of men it is proposed to accommodate, and an estimate of the required appropriation. The Commissioners did not include an item for a new municipal lodging house in their last annual estimates because, it was said, of the necessity for economizing in providing for District needs. If the recommendation of the Monday Evening Club are favorably acted upon, provision for the institution probably will be made in a separate measure.

Quarantine Modified.

A further relaxation of the quarantine against foot-and-mouth disease in Maryland has been made by Secretary of Agriculture Houston. Similar action has been taken in all of the infected States as the disease has practically disappeared. In Maryland the quarantine will apply only to a five-mile radius of the infected areas.

Hutchins Bought
Noted Autographs

Will Contest Develops Story of Album Containing Signature of Napoleon and Lincoln.

Among the belongings of the estate of Stillson Hutchins, millionaire, whose will distributing a \$100,000 fortune is being contested before Justice Anderson in Probate Court, is an autograph album containing the autographs of Napoleon, Washington, Lincoln, and other celebrities.

William J. Dante, manager of the estate, told the jury about the \$100,000 album while under redirect examination by Attorney Frank J. Hogan today. He said the album is now in possession of Walter S. Hutchins, a son.

Mr. Dante also testified about an alleged episode at the millionaire's home about which Walter Hutchins later expressed himself as wanting to "bring" the matter with his cane. Walter and his father, the witness said, went to get a box containing valuable jewels and papers, but the butler refused to let the son have the treasures, although he permitted him to examine them.

According to Mr. Dante, an agreement was practically reached by Mrs. Rose Keeling Hutchins and Walter Hutchins to have a luncheon proceeding instituted against Stillson Hutchins at a conference at the home of Attorney A. S. Worthington on May 1, 1911.

NEWMAN PETITIONS
FOR WRIT OF ERROR

Commissioner Files Papers to Permit Appeal to United States Supreme Court.

A petition for a writ of error against Oliver P. Newman to appeal to the United States Supreme Court from the judgment of the lower courts questioning the amount of District Commissioner Newman's salary was filed with the Court of Appeals today.

In the event the writ is not granted by the Court of Appeals, a writ of certiorari will be filed in the United States Supreme Court asking the court to review the order proceeding heard in the courts below.

Because of the importance of the case it is expected the Court of Appeals will reach an early decision on the application for a writ of error. It is possible that the decision may be announced late this afternoon or tomorrow.

Together with the motion for granting of the writ of error and the filing of a supersedeas bond to carry the case to the Supreme Court of the United States, counsel for Mr. Newman filed a brief. Eleven assignments of error are set forth in the petition, the contention being that a majority of the Court of Appeals—Associate Justices Van Orsdell and Robb—committed them in sustaining the judgment of the District Commissioner in ousting Mr. Newman from office.

Counsel for Mr. Newman claim the right to remove the case to the Supreme Court of the United States by writ of error by virtue of section 22 of the judicial code, providing as follows:

"In cases in which the jurisdiction of the trial court is in issue, but when such case is not otherwise reviewable in said Supreme Court then the question of jurisdiction alone shall be certified to the said Supreme Court for decision."

"In cases in which the validity of any law of the United States is in issue, or the existence or scope of any power or duty of an officer of the United States is drawn in question."

"In cases in which the construction of any law of the United States is drawn in question by the defendant. The brief cites authorities for the appeal to the Supreme Court and sets forth that particular stress is put on the provision which permits an appeal when the question of the power or duty of an officer of the United States is drawn in question."

Attorneys Ralston & Richardson, J. W. Holt, and John W. Davis, solicitor general, appear as counsel for Mr. Newman.

Reports Persist
Allies Have Lille

Press Bureau Passes Messages, But Declares It Has No Confirmation.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—Various special correspondents in "Northern France" send stories this afternoon saying that they have secured confirmation of the Boulogne report that the allies have again re-occupied Lille.

The press bureau, while making no objection to the publication of the stories as reports, says that it has absolutely no confirmation, and the French official statement also lacks any information along this line.

GALLINGER WOULD
PAVE THE WAY FOR
NEW ORGANIC ACT

Introduces Amendment to District Bill to Probe Taxation Problems.

PASSAGE IS PROBABLE

Senate Debate Plans for Revising Half-and-Half Rule of Federal Constitution.

An important amendment to the District appropriation bill was presented to the Senate this afternoon by Senator Gallinger, formerly chairman of the District Committee. It provides for a joint select committee of six members, including three Senators and three Congressmen, to make a general investigation into the question of taxation in the District and what proportion of the cost of running the District Government shall be borne by the General Government and what proportion by the people of the District.

Indications are quite strong that the Gallinger amendment or something of this nature will be adopted. Many Senators prefer it to the hasty and ill-considered Johnson rider which would upset the half-and-half without settling on any definite policy and which would not touch the evils which are complained of even by those advocating the Johnson proposition.

New Organic Act.

In case the plan as proposed by Senator Gallinger is adopted it may bring a new organic act. The investigation would determine the method of raising the money to run the District Government next winter.

Senator Smith, chairman of the District Committee and in charge of the bill, called it up for consideration again this afternoon. Senator Norris of Nebraska was the first speaker. He said that as between the committee amendment and the Johnson rider, he favored the latter. He went on to say, however, that the Johnson provision was not satisfactory to him, and that there should be a method whereby the General Government would pay its fair proportion of the cost of running the government, and the Commissioners would have power to change the rate from year to year according to the needs of the District.

Senator Norris did not join in the discussion and pointed out that the people of Washington had no power to vote should be a method whereby the General Government would pay its fair proportion of the cost of running the government, and the Commissioners would have power to change the rate from year to year according to the needs of the District.

Senator Norris said he was in favor of an investigation of the subject and a report to Congress. He thought those Senators who opposed a change from the half-and-half system would do well to offer an amendment providing for an investigation of the general taxation question here.

Frames Amendment.

It was at this point in the discussion that Senator Gallinger proposed his amendment. He said he had been giving the subject considerable thought and had already framed an amendment.

Senator James pointed out that a joint committee was appointed by the Senate in 1910 and that this commission recommended that 60 per cent of the expenses of the District Government should be borne by the District and 40 per cent by the General Government. In view of the disastrous fighting in northern Persia, where the Turks have gained some minor successes, and declare that the campaign against Russia is developing.

Latest advices show that the Turkish army in the Caucasus has been strongly re-commenced, and that an attempt is being made by its commanders to reform the defeated forces and resume the offensive.

Paris Prepares to Halt
Zeppelin Raid on City

PARIS, Jan. 11.—That a German raid by Zeppelins on Paris is expected developed today.

After reports, Minister of War Millerand held a conference with General Gallieni at which precautionary plans were considered.

It was agreed that lights shall be still further dimmed in the city and an address to the people reciting steps to be taken in the event of an aerial bombardment was prepared. It will be issued later.

Reports Japanese Have
Warship in Atlantic

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—That Japanese warships are now operating in the Atlantic is the opinion of Captain Williamson of the steam Curacao, in today from Havre. He reports that he passed a warship off the Azores on route and that he is sure from her build that she was a Japanese.

GRAND VIZIER OF TURKEY
MOVES MOSLEM TREASURY

PRINCE SAID HALIM.

DARDANELLES FORTS
CRUMBLE UNDER FIRE

Allied Fleet May Force Passage. Grand Vizier Orders Treasury Moved From City.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—With the forts of the Dardanelles crumbling under the bombardment by the allied fleet, with feverish measures for the defense of the capital under way, evidences that the Turkish government is planning immediate removal of the archives to Koniah, in Asia Minor, are accumulating.

Prince Said Halim, the new Grand Vizier, depressed by the Turkish defeat in the Caucasus, according to dispatches from Constantinople, has ordered the public treasury moved into Asiatic Turkey, some 250 miles from the present capital.

Fear that the allied fleet will force the passage of the Dardanelles and that the Russians will force the Bosphorus with simultaneous attacks is growing, and the fall of Constantinople to the allied forces is considered both in London and in Constantinople not improbable.

Reports indicate great nervousness in the city and officials cognizant of the situation gravely discuss the measures being taken to prevent a massacre of all foreigners.

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Mother and Five Burn
To Death in Farm House

IRONTON, Ohio, Jan. 11.—Mrs. Jennie Duff and her five children, the oldest a girl of eleven, were burned to death in their farmhouse home, east of here, early Sunday. It was learned today.

John Duff, the father, and his wife were awakened by the fire. Mrs. Duff rushed outside for a bucket, but the flames had already reached the roof. The mother and five children in flames.

FRESH TROOPS
OF ALLIES GIVE
VICTORY AFTER
BITTER FIGHT

Bombardment of British Position by Germans Follows Capture of Trenches—Violent Battle Raging.

Berlin Admits Reverse. But Claims Advance in Argonne Forest—Snow Halts Operations in Upper Alsace.

BERLIN, Jan. 11.—Admitting for the first time that the allies have gained a foothold in their trenches north of Soissons, the German war office today declares that the battle at this point continues, with the allies unable to make any further gains.

To offset this admitted reverse, the German troops are declared to have made gains in the Argonne region and also to have recaptured the trenches recently lost to the east of Perthes.

The report confirms the French claims that to the north in the vicinity of Neuport, Ypres, and directly south of there, the exchanges continue to be confined to the artillery. A French assault in force on the positions at La Boisselle, just northeast of Albert, was repulsed with heavy losses.

In connection with the fighting north of Soissons, the war office says that the French, who have occupied only a small part of the German trenches have again attacked in an effort to carry the main position. So far, it is stated, they have gained no advantage, although the battle continues unchecked.

East of Perthes, where the German lines have been re-enforced, the French have been driven from the trenches that they took last week. In this fighting, the losses of the French were very heavy, as part of the trenches were blown up. In the Argonne district, the German advance continues to make progress.

In upper Alsace there is no change to be reported. It is stated that there is little change in the east but that the attacks along the Vistula are making slow but steady progress.

Violent Fighting in Progress
Between Lys and Oise Rivers

FALLS, Jan. 11.—Violent fighting is in progress along the entire line between the Lys and the Oise. In a series of combats, the French have succeeded in taking a line of German trenches in this vicinity, according to this afternoon's official announcement. From the sea to the Lys, the fighting continues to be entirely in the nature of artillery exchanges.

The heavy fighting in the vicinity of Soissons continues, the Germans constantly sacrificing men in an effort to regain the advantage with the allies. The fighting continues to be entirely in the nature of artillery exchanges.

The fighting is increasing in volume, but the French war office emphatically denies the German claims of gains at this point. Instead it is asserted that allied lines are being advanced into the trenches heretofore held by the Germans.

Between the Aisne and the Champagne region, the artillery duels continue, with the advantage with the French. North of Perthes, another line of German trenches have been carried by assault by the French.

Heavy snows are slowing up the progress in the Vosges and in upper Alsace, and are adding to the misery of the wounded. The fighting continues unchecked with little advantage to either side as yet.

In an endeavor to regain their lost trenches at Soissons the Germans are sending up additional troops from the rear, and are also bringing into action additional artillery. The fighting continues day and night.

The fact that Soissons has been up to a British headquarters is believed here to be the reason for the bombardment now in progress.

The Germans continue their efforts to regain their lost ground on the plateau of Vesegny to the north of Soissons, but their attacks so far have been futile. Attempts to drive the French back from their advanced positions in front of Perthes (on the Aisne northeast of Rheims) and to the north of La Ferté de Beaulieu were repulsed. The Germans have suffered heavily in the battle of Perthes on Friday alone. Since then the German counter-attacks have been equally repulsed, and it is believed their losses by this time must have reached double that number.